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Rev. R. L. Dials.....Charlotte, N. C
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Bro. M. E. Jones.....Charlotte, N. C

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Rev. R. Shepard, D. D.....Winston, N. C
Rev. W. A. Roberts.....Waco, N. C
Bro. G. C. Caldwell.....Gastonia, N. C

By motion programme was adopted.

COMMITTEES.

Enrollment—Rev. R. B. Watts, H. W. Lee.
Organization—Delegate from each church, J. S. Reid, Chairman.
Finance—Augustus Smith, E. L. Brooks, E. C. Holland.
Resolutions—Rev. S. S. Pearson, Miss Mamie Jones, Rev. W. M. Neely.
Corresponding Messages—Rev. L. W. Wertz, Aug. Smith, R. H. Hanks, E. M. Jones.
Education—Rev. J. O. Russell, B. J. Hand, J. F. Fronerberger, Rev. S. S. Pearson, P. R. Surratt, W. M. Neely.
Ministerial Character—Rev. B. Ramson, J. M. Mackins, J. W. Floyd, T. Barnwell.
Statistics—Rev. J. R. Rhyne, Rev. S. N. Davidson, A. McKnight
Temperance—Rev. R. B. Watts, W. M. Wilson, S. J. Broders, E. M. Friday, Miss M. Jones.
Time and Place—Delegate from each church, Geo. Foster, Chir'n.
Obituary—Pink Johnson, Rev. D. S. Campbell, Rev. M. McDaniels, G. H. Wilson.
New Churches—Rev. W. M. Nelson, J. S. Reid, W. D. Debose, P. R. Surratt.
Grievance—C. Derr, J. Reid, J. A. Floyd.
Religious Literature—H. E. Massey, Miss Mamie Jones, Rev. H. W. Lee, Rev. C. J. Moore.

Daily Proceedings.

GOLD HILL BAPTIST CHURCH,
Lowesville, N. C.
Wednesday, October 16th, 1912.

The Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Association met in its Forty-fourth annual session, and was called to order at 3 o'clock p. m., by the Moderator, Rev. R. D. Harris, of Charlotte. Rev. A. Jones and Rev. T. Barnwell conducting praise service. Hymn No. 487 was sung. Prayer by Rev. B. Ramson. Rev. A. Jones read Romans 10th chapter. Rev. Barnwell lined hymn 474, "Soldiers of Christ arise." The Moderator expressed his thanks of being once more spared to meet the brethren in another annual session, and said that it should not be our purpose to come to these annual gatherings for selfish ends. We have a greater responsibility resting upon us, brethren, than ourselves. The world must be saved and we must do our part in helping to save it for Christ and his kingdom. The Moderator declared the house ready for business.

Rev. J. T. Williams, recording secretary, expressed his thanks to the brethren for the honor conferred upon him in the past years and offered his resignation.

By motion the resignation of Rev. Williams was accepted.

By motion of Rev. Watts, a vote of thanks was tendered Rev. Williams for his faithful service.

In the absence of Rev. J. D. Massey who was to preach the introductory sermon, Rev. R. T. Dials was chosen to preach said sermon. He was accompanied in the pulpit by Rev. Wm. Nelson, who lined hymn 417. Prayer by Rev. A. Jones, after which Rev. Dials announced as his text, Acts 3:2. The sermon was one of power, and well delivered. A collection of $2.01 was taken.

Address of welcome was delivered, granting full possession of the church and homes by the pastor, Rev. R. B. Watts, responded to by Rev. Wm. Neely in words very befitting.

Committee on enrollment was appointed and delegates, ministers and messengers were enrolled.

Committee on organization was appointed. A delegate from each church, J. S. Reid, chairman.

By motion the committee on organization reported at 8 p. m. Then the meeting adjourned. Benediction by Rev. B. Ramson,

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

7:30 p. m. Praise Service conducted by delegates from Salem and Mt. Zion. Hymn 486 was sung. Prayer by Rev. W. D. Debose. Hymn 492 was sung. The house was announced ready for business.

The committee on nomination of officers reported: We your committee on nomination of officers ask to report the following: Moderator, Rev. R. D. Harris; Vice-Moderator, Rev. W. M. Neely; Recording Secretary, Rev. L. W. Wertz; Corresponding Secretary, Rev. H. W. Lee; Treasurer, G. W. Hoffman. Auditor, J. S. Reid.

By motion the report was adopted by sections.

The hour having arrived for the Moderator's Annual Address the Vice-Moderator took the chair while the Association sang, "I am clinging to his hand," etc., the Moderator, Rev. Harris, delivered his address. One that was well arranged and full of good thoughts. We only need more men like him.

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

Officers and Members of the Mt. Peace Association, Greeting:

I rise, gentlemen, to propose to you words that may be called our annual address. As the minds of men run not to the contrary upon an occasion like this, for it is expected of me to entertain you for these brief moments in an attempt to reward your mind with what I have here written to give opinion, opportunity, to pass upon it to satisfy your own minds.

It is altogether befitting and proper that I should recall to your remembrance a thousand times the names of brave men of this grand cause for which we stand, who now sleep beneath the sound of the bell that calls us to the hour of prayer and duty; their names shall never die, or be forgotten while there is a rock on which the Church shall rest, for which they struggled here, whose foot-prints are fruits of their labor, teaching the rising generation that the march is onward and upward ere you reach the prize of the high calling in Jesus Christ, our great Head of the Church.

Many that are here will never meet another session in this church, so let us make full show of our work in this part of the vineyard. We are here to hear the reports of each others work duringthe twelve months past; some have gained, some have lost,

some have had conflicts, some crippled by the hands of spiritual foes, however we are here trusting each delegate, each preacher has come up with the spirit of Christ, to do in his name what their hands find to do; remembering that our Association has no power over church matters, and neither can we make laws to run any church; because each church is an independent body of its own, and has the right to use the discipline upon any and all of its members—preachers as well as laymen. Christ its Head declared these words to be true when he said: "Tell it to the Church as the only power and authority for final action."

EDUCATION.

When I say education, this includes our school work. We are wedged in a great financial war and are met here to count the portion that shall go to help those who are in lead, upon whose shoulders rest the great responsibility of the welfare of the W. U. Academy. Brother, we talk, fight and seek honors in positions and come up here with mere railroad expenses; instead of our trying to boss what others give, let us first give something to help the work on; and then we can be more able to say more what ought to be done. You lay at home all the year round, while other men are on the field toiling and struggling for the cause, and the worse things you can say about them, you do it.

We know Cæsar had his Brutus, Cicero his Cataline, Christ his Judas; Lincoln, Garfield and McKinley their foes, and by their hands fell these men to their untimely graves. Why? Because they contended for principles of right, and justice and honesty. So, Brother, the benefits derived from education. Mind is greater than matter. Thirty years ago rocks were so considered useless and an incumbrance to the land, and it was wondered why in the mind of an infinite Creator did he make such. Now rock has become an important industry. Though on the one hand, it looks harsh at first, but on the other, it is not, the fewer of good roads birthed this art, and the use of crushed stone; where six horses were formerly used to draw a load, two can now go at a trot. Concrete walks and streets show that the developed mind can go out into the world and turn up a business that will give fair support to himself and thousands of others who seek bread by labor that would otherwise starve, had not the mind mastered matter. "But where ignorance is bliss, it is folly to to be wise." The foolish who sleep in stupor and indolence, who let the time pass from them, resting on the chance of another opportunity until

they are left in the miserable hovel of disgrace that brings on crime against the laws of the country in which they live.

I appeal to you to awake and have the pride to support yourself, family, church and school with money and patronage as well; for it is your duty to educate your children so that they may be a blessing instead of a curse to you and your neighbors of the community in which you live. Some say it does not pay to educate—that men are worse after, than they were before, but I deny the charge. A truly educated person always uses the time and never lets time use him. How many men would go to the polls to-day were it not for the very fact that there is an educational amendment of the Constitution? How many missent letters to homes, because men cannot write for themselves; no one to endorse a check for them. All these little things named, go on to show the importance of being educated to these duties so that you as men may be prepared to do your duty in all things incumbered upon you as a people.

The progress of the Negro in this country: We have only about forty-eight years' history as a free people. Looking upon the reports of our leaders as they give us the figures of progress—the Baptist membership in the United States 2,000,000—fifty years ago there was not a Negro practicing professional life; to-day there are over 75,000 in different professions such as doctors, lawyers, teachers and preachers, who represent the highest calling of life.

Not a place to set our feet on, but today we own 400,000 homes and farms, valued at over a billion dollars. There are 225,000 Negroes owning their own farms, over one million farms run by Negroes. Now, to be able to continue this we see the great need of education to carry us on to greater heights reached by others who gave us the glorious example that doing in the right way God will let us go up. Tell them we are rising a million strong from country schools to colleges and universities. With God in front to lead us, by the men whom he has chosen to go in front, close up the ranks by using what you have within your reach which means invincible persisting and persevering ere we reach the goal.

STATE MISSIONS.

We are honor bound as Missionary Baptists to help keep up this part of the work, so as to relieve congested circumstances that fall so heavily upon a few. I received a letter from Dr. W. A. Pegues asking your humble servant to take up the local position

and urge upon the brethren to help in the struggle that our educational Missionary Baptist State Convention who are now carrying on the work in some way. Some say we need our money at home, is the cry, but when the big show comes you go and spend a day as well as money—why not give ten cents of that to the State work? We have hundreds, but just suppose the case that one hundred of these people would give 10 times 10, which would equal $10,000, could we but find a plain duty and do with our mind what our hands find to do for Jesus our Master. It is now high time for the pastors of the Mt. Peace Association with their officers to awake and take new life in the women's work that is now being undertaken by the women of W. N. C.

The Winston orphanage claims our attention, as a State work. It is a worthy cause, not knowing who will die and leave motherless and fatherless children and other bastards who are left on charitable institutions to be looked after by the Christians of North Carolina. The Reformatory farm is being purchased by a board of men who feel a deep interest in the unfortunate boys and girls of our race. We hope, brethren, you will at least set a time when you will consider these institutions and give some hearing to them, at the very least, let their agents come before us and lift a collection for the work.

HOME MISSIONS.

Here we arrive at the most perplexing words in all our language. Most of us think when the word home is used that it means our church and its community; but it has another meaning to my mind. When the American Home Mission Society was founded in 1812 for the purpose of giving the translated Bible andthe Bible religion to all of these United States, it was a struggle and remains one to-day. In many places where there were no schools they built one, and one of the most boasted schools of North Carolina was founded by one of their agents—the immortal H. M. Tupper. Since then many have fallen asleep, but their names shall live; so, brethren, we should never forget to strive to aid any appeal coming to us from that house; for it is the origin and source of our home mission work.

Say what you will of them but think how many tears they shed over your slave mothers and fathers who split the convention that once stood a unit, but on account of slavery it is well known that there is a Northern convention and a Southern convention; it stands so to-day. If you have no money, give them

your prayers and good words for what they have done for our people in the past. Last, but not least, the National Publishing House of Tennessee, comes up before the mind's eye that it is owned and controlled by Negroes and is making its way toward the front and deserves our very liberal patronage. So, brethren, in order that they may be able to distribute Bibles and Hymn books, let us help these houses by giving to home mission collections in our Sunday School and God will smile upon us and cause his blessings to rest upon us even now and forever more.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Christ, our first model missionary who came to earth with tidings of heaven to serve the other man until the world should know Him the promised Messiah. Let us copy his example as our great head who gave the commission to His preachers to go teach all nations, baptize them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Brethren, it means go further than your pulpits, it means your money to help support men on needed fields and save the heathen from his idolatry, and let him see and know that there is a God somewhere that saves men from their sins.

If we would spend one-third for this cause of what we give for excursions, snuff, tobacco, whiskey, ice-cream and cold drinks, God's cause would never suffer: and to the society we pay $10 and $15 to the man to become lodge members, but poor Jesus never gets to make two such men to mission in ten years. It is a shame; we who sit at the head of business must arouse a sentiment for Christ and His cause more in the future than we have in the past. The world must be conquered for Jesus. Public places of amusement are crowded with people and it happens to be a part of the church people at the gate taking toll. Oh, my God, could I get you Christian men and women to see when that is paid. Hell has the biggest portion. So let us prayerfully consider what God wants of us; for he says: "Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession."

So let us trust Him and obey Him and be crowned with His promises, that it may come to pass His kingdom is spread from shore to shore, till moon shall wax and wane no more.

Which was responded to by Rev. S. S. Pearson with words complimentary to the Moderator and the Association for such a man we have at the head of our Association and Educational movement. Collection. Benediction by Rev. S. S. Pearson.

THURSDAY MORNING, OCT. 17.

Praise service led by Bros. G. D. Hoffman and G. W. Wilson. Hymn 422 was sung. Prayer. Hymn 416 was sung. Prayer again by Rev. Barnwell. The Moderator announced the house ready for business.

On motion by Bro. B. J. Hand the minutes were read and adopted. By motion of Rev. W. M. Nelson, that Rev. S. S. Pearson install the officers, Rev. Pearson in words very befitting installed the officers into their respective offices. Each officer expressed his thanks for the honor conferred upon him.

Miss M. L. Jones, of Charlotte, was introduced and spoke of the the W. U. A. All committees being appointed, the roll of ministers and messengers was called and the regular fee was collected to the amount of $20.32.

Topic, "A call to the Ministry," was discussed by Rev. H. W. Lee and Rev. J. T. Williams.

Topic, "How to Influence the Young Men to seek their calling," by Rev. R. B. Watts. After which a letter from the church was brought to the table and read by the Secretary. All came up fully to the constitution. The hour having arrived for preaching, business was suspended and the Moderator announced the speakers. Rev. L. W. Wertz, accompanied with Rev. S. N. Davidson, who lined Hymn 422. Genesis, 41st chapter, was read. Prayer by Rev. J. T. Williams. Rev. Wertz announced as his text, Genesis 41:38. Subject: "A need of Men." Rev. Wertz preached an excellent sermon, and proved to his hearers that he had been with Jesus. He outlined the need of men in the Church, in the home and at the ballot box, which was enjoyed by all. A collection of $3 was raised. Benediction by Rev. W. M. Neely.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

3 p. m. Praise service conducted by Bros. P. W. Watkins and E. H. Massey. After singing and reading the Scripture, prayer was offered by Bro. P. W. Watkins. The Moderator announced the house ready for business.

The following letter was read: Gold Hill, recommending Bro. J. E. Johnson for ordination. After some debate, a motion prevailed that the letter be tabled until Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

On Motion that Rev. W. F. Scott be allowed thirty (30) days to pay the representation fee for his church. The Moderator called

for all committees which were prepared to report.

Committee on new church reported. (See report).

Committee on Religious Literature reported. (See report).

On motion the Moderator's Annual Address be referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

The Treasurer submitted his report. (See report).

On motion that the Treasurer's report be adopted.

Report of Committee on Temperance was read. (See report).

Report of Committee on Education. (See report).

Bro. G. C. Caldwell, of Gastonia, N. C., was introduced and spoke very encouragingly to the brethren, and asked each pastor and delegate to represent in the Educational Union, and, too, he urged the Baptists to send their children to their school at Rutherfordton, N. C., and by so doing would help to build the school. Adjourned to meet at 7:30 o'clock. Benediction by Rev. E. T. Millings.

THURSDAY EVENING.

7:30 p. m., praise service, led by Bro. Holland. Hymn 424 was sung. The Moderator declared the house ready for business.

Committee on Resolutions reported. (See report.)

A resolution was offered by Rev. L. W. Wertz. (See resolution.

The hour having arrived for the Educational Sermon, Rev. R. B. Watts accompanied by Rev. E. T. Millings sang hymn 437. Rev. Watts announced as his text Hosea 4:6: "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." Rev. Watts said it pleased God to make man for the spread of knowledge. It takes an intelligent man or woman to be a Baptist because they have to think for themselves. Rev. Watts preached with much power and proved that he was well prepared. Prayer by Rev. E. T. Millings.

A collection was then taken for education. The following named persons paid $5.00: Rev. R. D. Harris, G. W. Hoffman, Bro. T. W. Houston, Rev. J. T. Williams.

The following named persons paid $1.00: Rev. L. W. Wertz, P. R. Smith, John McCollough and William Rankins.

The following named persons paid 50 cts: Rev. Wm. Nelson, Rev. J. B. Johnson. Many other brethren paid 25 cts. Total amount $32.11, including a pledge of Rev. E. T. Millings for

$5.00, which he promised to pay in 10 days. Benediction by Rev. Watts.

FRIDAY MORNING.

9 A. M., Devotional Service conducted by Bros. Wm. Deck and Wilson. Singing followed by scripture reading and prayer.

The Moderator announced that the house was ready for business. The Moderator said: "Before we begin the routine of business we will have an Experience Meeting." The following named brethren made short talks: Brof. P. W. Watkins, M. E. Jones, Revs. H. W. Lee, W. Scott, Bro. B. Hand. Rev. A. Jones sang "A few more years shall come," etc., followed with a hand shake. Many tears were shed while this old father sang; the spirit came on all. The Moderator asked each delegate to let the spirit guide them through the day.

By motion the minutes of the last day's session were read and adopted.

Rev. W. A. Roberts, Moderator of the Ebenezer Baptist Association was introduced. He said, "Brethren, I came to bring you greetings from W. N. C., and N. S. C. We are engaged in the same work in which you are engaged. And the time has come that we as Baptists must do more for education and Missionary purposes.

Bro. G. W. Hoffman being absent Thursday night came forward and paid his fine ($5.00) five dollars for education.

Gold Hill Church paid balance on representing fee, 60 cents. Some newly arriving delegates paid also in this collection. Total $7 85.

On motion that the Gold Hill Church's letter be taken from the table, the pastor and officers withdrew the recommendation of Bro. J. E. Johnson for ordination. A motion prevailed that the letter be adopted.

Report of Committee on Grievances was called and the committee reported. (See report.) After some debate by motion the report was tabled.

Committee on Ministerial Character reported: (See report.) Recommendations 1 and 2 were adopted: (See report.) Section 3 referring to Rev. J. T. Williams was recommitted back to the committee.

The letter of Bethel and New Providence and Gilfield was read and adopted.

Should a pastor holding credentials of other denominations pastor in a Baptist Church? On motion that the question be decided by the house, Rev. G. H. Hill, pastor of the M. E. Church was introduced, and with words very befitting, extended a welcome to the delegation on behalf of his church. He said: "We need to only trust more fully in God, and the world will be taken for Christ: For Christ has promised to be with us."

The hour having arrived for preaching Rev. S. N. Davidson accompanied with Rev. S. M. Lowery lined hymn 826. Prayer by Rev. McDaniels. Rev. Davidson announced as his text Mark 4:30. Rev. Davidson preached a wonderful sermon. He held his hearers spell-bound. We all could say—"Did not our hearts burn as he talked with us by the way."

Report of Committee on Corresponding Messenger—(See report.) Benediction by Rev. S. N. Davidson.

FRIDAY, AFTERNOON.

Devotional services conducted by Bro. R. H. Hanks, and J. W. Houston. Hymn No. 416 was sung. Prayer and Scripture reading. Hymn 464 was sung. The Moderator declared the house ready for business.

By motion the minutes of the morning session were read and adopted.

The subject of a minister holding ordination papers of another denomination, pastoring in a Missionary Baptist Church was discussed.

Following this discussion a committee was appointed to set in council at the Mt. Pisgah Church and investigate the ordination of the present pastor—Committee, Rev. R. D. Harris, Rev. S. M. Lowery, Rev. J. B. Johnson, Rev. H. W. Lee, Rev. A. Jones, Rev. B. Ramson, Rev. L. W. Wertz.

Rev. J. A. Stitt asked permission to tell of the church that he purposed to organized. After Rev. Stitt completed his statement a motion prevailed that Rev. Stitt pay $1.00 and the Minutes be forwarded to Salem Church for him. Of the said amount he paid 25 cents and the balance to be turned over to the Moderator.

The Committee on Ministerial Character was appointed to investigate the rumors on Rev. J. T. Williams; Committee, Revs. B. Ramson, H. W. Lee, W. A. Roberts, A. Jones, T. Barnwell, S. M. Lowery, Bros. J. S. Reid, J. M. Mackins.

Committee on Obituary reported. (See report.)

How should Baptist churches call a pastor, yearly or indefinitely? The Moderator, a jurist of Baptist usage, answered and said that Baptists should not call every year, but for an indefinite period; and this way of calling a pastor every year was a borrowed one; and he said that he hoped that we as Baptists would stop that way of calling a pastor every year.

Can a church transact its business with two deacons? Ans.—It depends upon the emergency of the church.

The Committee on Ministerial Character reported. We your Committee appointed to investigate the rumors on Rev. J. T. Williams beg leave to submit the following: We find the rumors to be true and we recommend that this Association withdraw the right hand of fellowship from Rev. J. T. Williams. By motion the report was adopted.

By motion of Rev. P. B. Watts the Moderator set the time. The Moderator set the time, three months. Rev. Williams asked permission to speak: He said, "Brethren, in the name of my God who gave his son to die for you and me, I beg of you not to set the time that long. I regret that this happened as it did. For three months I am debarred from preaching; and brethren that is the only way that I have to live: My wife and two children are looking to me for bread. Do you brethren mean to tell me that they must cry?" At this the speaker gave down. Rev. H. W. Lee called the house down in prayer. Rev. Millings sang, "How many a time discouraged, we sink beside the way." Prayer by Rev. J. B. Johnson. After a statement from Rev. Williams, a motion prevailed that his acknowledgement be accepted and he be restored to the fellowship of the Association. Rev. Williams expressed his thanks, and said if God be with him he would never have this to happen again.

Committee on Appropriation reported. (See report.)

Committee on Time and place reported. (See report.)

On motion by Rev. J. S. Reid that our next session be held Wednesday after the fourth Sunday in August, 1913.

FRIDAY—EVENING SESSION.

7:30 Song Service conducted by the Associational Choir, Rev. J. B. Johnson and Rev. J. T. Williams, Chorister. Prayer by Rev. W. A. Roberts, after which the Moderator announced the house ready for business.

Committee on Executive Board reported. (See report.) on page

1. On motion that the house decide the grievance between the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church No. 1 of Charlotte, N. C., and Rev. F. W. Wright. A motion prevailed that we hear from both sides. Bro. McIver representing the church told how Rev. Wright came in possession of the money; and he said it was not the desire of the members to move the church. Then Rev. Wright was allowed to speak. After hearing from both sides a motion prevailed that the Association sustain the old church, Mt. Calvary No. 1. The letter of Mt. Calvary was read and adopted.

Rev. R. Sheppard of Winston, N. C., Manager of the Winston Orphanage was introduced; and he spoke the need of us as a denomination and a race, caring more for the orphan children. He spoke with touching words of sympathy for the orphan boys and girls. A strong appeal was made by Dr. Sheppard. A donation of $17.85 was given him.

The hour for preaching having arrived, Rev. H. W. Lee, accompanied with Rev. W. A. Robert lined hymn No. 339. Rev. Lee announced as his text Heb. 11:12. Rev. Lee preached a soul-stirring sermon.

A collection for foreign missions was taken by Rev. S. S. Pearson, $5.20. An after collection for Winston orphanage was taken $5.35, which was turned over to Dr. Sheppard. Total collection $10.55. On motion, the delegates to State Convention and Sandy River Association railway fare be paid. Benediction by Dr. R. Sheppard.

SATURDAY MORNING.

10 a. m. Hymn 416 was sung. Prayer by Rev. B. Ramson. A charge delivered to the young ministers by Rev. Ramson, and parting words, followed with a handshake. The Association adjourned to meet Wednesday after the 4th Sunday in August 1913, with the Mt. Carmel Baptist church, Biddleville, in the city of Charlotte, N. C., at 10 o'clock a. m.

Reports.

REPORT OF TREASURER FOR 1911.

To Moderator	$6 00
To Vice-Moderator	1 00
To Recording Secretary	11 00
To Corresponding Secretary	1 00
To Treasurer	75
To Auditor	50
To Minutes	25 00
To Western Union Academy	110 00
To Sexton	2 00
To Aged ministers	10 00
To Baptist Advocate	5 00
To State Convention	20 00
To Winston Orphage	10 00
To Springfield church	5 00
To Dr. P. S. Lewis	2 00
To distribution of minutes	4 00
To corresponding delegates	2 40
To Rev. H. H. Wilson	2 40
To Rev. R. B. Watts	8 00
To H. Stevenson	1 80
To Expenses of Board meeting	2 50
To Programmes	3 00
To refused check of Rev. J. H. Nelson	6 30
Total paid out	$239 65
Total received	239 69
Balance	04

G. W. Hoffman, Treasurer.

ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee begs leave to submit the following report:

We are commanded to be temperate in all things. Therfore, temperance in its true sense, means a moderate use of all those things which God has given for the comfort, happiness and well-

being of mankind, and total abstinence from all things that are detrimental to the progress and well-being of mankind.

We recommend, therefore, that all persons, and especially the young, be encouraged and insisted upon to abstain from the use of all intoxicants, together with tobacco in its various forms, except by the instruction of a competent physician.

We further recommend that all church people assist the authorities of the law in bringing to justice all "blind tigers" and "dope" venders. This class of people, through its most degrading business is sapping the life of our race by destroying our young men—the future hope of the race.

Playing cards for gain or sport is another deadly evil which should be combatted everywhere with vigor and determination.

We further condemn all extravagant habits of dress, speech and all other forms of excess, hurtful to man.

We further recommend that sermons, lectures and talks on temperance be given our young people in our churches, schools and homes.

We repeat the former recommendation: That Temperance societies be organized in all churches and Sunday Schools and every possible means be used to save the young of our race from the evils of intemperance of every kind.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

We, your committee beg leave to submit the following:

Whereas, we see the need of our people reading the best religious papers and magazines, therefore, we recommend that our pastors and church leaders urge our people to read religious papers, such as the Baptist Sentinel, the Friendship Banner and other religious papers.

We also recommend the National Baptist Publishing House and American Publishing House for our Church literature.

NEW CHURCHES.

We, your committee beg leave to submit the following:

After investigating the Gilfield church, we recommend the said church for membership. We also recommend the Mt. Calvary Baptist church No. 2.

TIME AND PLACE.

We, your Committee on Time and Place, beg leave to submit the following:

That the next session of this Association be held with the Mt.

Carmel Baptist church (Biddleville) at Charlotte, N. C. No recommendation was made for annual sermons.

OBITUARY.

After examining the letter, we find many have fallen a victim to death. We bow to Him who doeth all things well.

ON EDUCATION.

We, your Committee on Education, recommend the following: That we lay special stress on education. It is and will be the means of lifting the people out of darkness into the true light. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we do all we can to religiously educate our children. We recommend the Western Union Academy of Western N. C., as our secondary school for our children, and Friendship College and Shaw University for higher education.

CORRESPONDING MESSENGER.

We your Committee on Corresponding Messenger, beg leave to submit the following: To State Convention, Rev. L. W. Wertz; to Sandy River Association, Rev. H. W. Lee; to Ebenezer Association, Rev. G. T. Millings; to the Educational Union, Revs. John McCollough, G. W. Hoffman, Frank Froneberger, S. J. Broders, J. M. Mackins, Rev. Wm. Neeley, Rev. L. W. Wertz.

MINISTERIAL CHARACTER.

We, your Committee, recommend Rev. W. H. Scott and Rev. W. F. Wright to you for membership. We have examined their credendtials and find them alright and recommend them as such.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We have received from all sources	$225.48
Sunday	20.20
Total	$245.68

APPROPRIATIONS.

Moderator	$ 8.00
Vice Moderator	2.00
Recording Secretary	11.50
Corresponding Secretary	2.00

Treasurer	2.00
Printing minutes	25.00
Sexton	2.00
Auditor	1.00
Aged ministers	10.00
Western Union Academy	100.00
State Convention	10.00
Winston Orphanage	17.85
Gold Hill Church	5.00
Delegates' railway fare	6.30
Foreign Missions	5.20
Total	$207.85

RESOLUTION.

We, your Committee on Resolutions, beg leave to report the following: That the Moderator's Annual Address be spread upon the face of the minutes, and adoption of all resolutions coming into hand; to wit: the resolution offered by Rev. L. W. Wertz.

RESOLUTION.

Whereas, Rev. A. Jones, Rev. B. Ramson and Rev. T. Barnwell, who, like the faithful heroes of apostolic times, struggled to make W. N. C. what it is today as a denomination, organizing churches on every hill and corner, and who organized most of the present churches; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the three above named brethren be sent out from this Association as district workers. 2. And that the field be divided into three separate districts and a district assigned to each one of them and the money they collect from churches be donated to them.

Respectfully,

REV. L. W. WERTZ.

CONSTITUTION.

We, the Missionary Baptist Church of Western North Carolina, having been regularly baptized on a profession of faith in Christ, and being convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches, in order to promote the cause of Christ among men, do agree to the following Constitution:

ARTICLE 1.—This organization shall be known as the Mt. Peace Missionary Baptist Association of Western North Carolina.

ARTICLE 2.—This body shall be composed of ministers and delegates of Baptist churches in good and regular standing with the denomination, and in full practice of the faith and doctrines held by the Missionary Baptists. All ministers pastoring churches associated with this Association shall be regarded as members with all privileges.

ARTICLE 3.—The object of this association shall be to extend the Kingdom of Christ among men by preaching the gospel, organizing churches and building meeting houses in needy fields in the bounds of this Associatin. To do State, Home and Foreign Mission work, and to co-operate with other Baptist organizations, in the best plans of labor for the religious and educational development of Western North Carolina, especially the fostering of the Western Union Academy.

ARTICLE. 4—All visiting ministers belonging to the regular Baptist Denomination in good standing, may become members of this body by paying 50 cents annually.

ARTICLE 5.—All aged ministers living in the bounds of the Association, formerly pastors in its bounds are members with all privileges, but with no exactions upon them.

ARTICLE 6.—The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, Executive Board, Ordaining Council and such other committees as may be deemed necessary, all of whom shall be elected annually, hold and discharge the duties of their offices until their successors are elected.

ARTICLE 7.—This Association shall have no right to infringe upon the sovereignty of a church as a body.

ARTICLE 8.—If a church becomes disorderly or corrupt, the Association shall through a committee, or otherwise, endeavor to

restore it to a healthful state; and if unsuccessful shall withdraw the hand of fellowship from it.

ARTICLE 9.—Each church shall send annually not more than two delegates and its pastor to this Association.

ARTICLE 10.—All visiting ministers and corresponding delegates and brethren shall be received by the Moderator extending the hand of welcome and introducing them to the body.

ARTICLE 11.—Any new church may become a member of this body by the payment of $1.50 or more when recommended by a committee on new churches.

ARTICLE 12.—Any church may continue its membership in this Association by paying ten cents per member, annually for each of its members to be used for the constitutional objects of this Association.

ARTICLE. 13.—Each minister belonging to this Association shall pay annually 50 cents, and each delegate 25 cents.

ARTICLE 14.—Any church may withdraw from this Association if in good standing, by first making known such desire.

ARTICLE 15.—The Ordaining Council shall ordain no minister except he has a fair knowledge of the Baptist Church Directory, Pendleton's Christian Doctrine and the common school branches.

ARTICLE 16.—This Constitution may be amended by two-thirds vote at any meeting of this body.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICE 1.—The delibertions of this body shall be governed by the rules of Parliament as laid down in Hiscox's Church Directory.

ARTICLE 2.—Each session of this Association shall be opened with devotional services conducted by the Moderator or some one appointed by him.

ARTICLE 3.—No one shall leave the Association to go home without permission from the body.

ARTICLE 4.—All members must use courtesy of speech and obey the rules of decorum as laid down in Hiscox's Church Directory.

ARTICLE 5.—All members should be in their seats at the opening of each session. Those failing, without a lawful excuse shall be subject to a fine not less than 5 cents nor more than 10 cts